



**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 6, 2016

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 6:06 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Casey Crawford
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby Yung, Chair
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

ABSENT: Commissioner John Coupar

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

The Chair acknowledged that December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Day, established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada to mark the anniversary of the murders of 14 young women at L'Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal in 1989. The Chair called for the observation of a moment of silence.

Commissioner Mackinnon remarked on the need to stop gender based violence.

1. REPORT: 2017 Fees and Charges - Parks and Recreation

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, commented that Park Board staff spends many months each year preparing the annual budget. In developing the annual budget, staff attempts to balance the needs of delivering high quality programs, ensuring that fees are not barriers to participation, and keeping tax increases at a minimum. The budget that is approved by the Board will be presented to City Council on December 7, 2016 and will be voted upon by City Council during the week of December 12, 2016.

Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2017 fees and charges.

Mr. Jackson, along with Mr. Bromley, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on the varying rates of increase applied to core and ancillary services and the suggestion to round fees for ease of handling cash.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the Fees and Charges, effective January 1, 2017, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: 2017 Operating and Capital Budget - Parks and Recreation

Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2017 Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Jackson, along with Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions and comments from the Board regarding:

- The improvements to be constructed as Sunset Park
- The timing for the commencement of construction of the new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre
- The progress on the establishment of “pop-up” pools
- Request for Commissioners to be provided with a detailed budget in future years
- The efficiency of the division of responsibilities between the Park Board and the City’s Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM)
- Request that staff provide a comparison of the operations and budgets of the Park Board with other municipalities
- The continuing work that will be undertaken on the skate parks in 2017
- Whether the requested 2017 funding is sufficient to make progress on the Biodiversity Strategy that was approved by the Board in February 2016
- Whether the requested budget of \$1.6 million is sufficient for parkland acquisition in a city that is experiencing population growth and increasing density
- Confirmation that the salaries of staff responsible for delivering capital plans and projects are included in the Park Project Management budget
- The conversion of wading pools has been halted, pending the completion of the VanSplash Aquatics Strategy
- Concern that a pilot project to retrofit a wading pool with a salt water sanitization system and a custom safety cover and liner, is not included in the 2017 budget
- Request that staff provide the documentation of historical discussions regarding a potential replacement of the Mount Pleasant Skate Park to Commissioners.

The Board heard from two speakers. The first speaker supported the proposed budget allocation for the addition of the new “pump track” at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Park. The second speaker expressed disappointment with the lack of funding in the 2017 budget for cycling infrastructure improvements and connectivity in Stanley Park. The speakers, along with Ms. Mack, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve:

- A. The 2017 Park Board Operating Budget of \$118,626,019 in expenditures and transfers funded by \$57,108,517 in revenues and \$61,517,502 of tax-based operating funds;
- B. The 2017 Park Board Capital Budget (expenditure budget) in the amount of \$21,898,053, as detailed in the report and outlined in Appendix A; and
- C. Subject to approval of recommendations A and B above, the submission of the 2017 Park Board Operating Budget and 2017 Park Board Capital Budget to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the 2017 Operating Budget and 2017 Capital Budget, as detailed in the Council report "2017 Capital and Operating Budget".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:25 pm and reconvened at 8:32 pm.

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Kirby-Yung stepped down as Chair in order to introduce a motion and to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Shum, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair.

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Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced a supplementary motion related to a 2017 capital budget request for washroom renewals. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, along with Mr. Bromley, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Vancouver Park Board unanimously approved the motion titled "Increased Accessibility to Public Washrooms" on November 28, 2016, which calls for accessible public toilets to be included in current and future park planning projects, and for provisions for proper maintenance to ensure well-functioning, safe and accessible facilities; and

2. The Park Board's current remaining capital budget will fund much needed upgrades to only one to two of the five washroom renewal projects currently in progress.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT on behalf of the Board of Parks and Recreation, the Park Board Chair seeks from Council, an additional \$1.2 million for the 2017 Capital Budget to enable the completion of all five washroom renewal projects currently in progress.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 8:41 pm Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the priority placed on snow removal at community centres. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, undertook to provide the information requested to Commissioners in the coming days.

The Board adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair